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Our children shall behold his fame,
The kindly-earnest, brave, foresering man,
Sagacious, patient, dreading praise, not blame,
New birth of our new soil, the first American.

—*Lowell.*



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SUGGESTIONS FOR THE OBSERVANCE OF THE LINCOLN CENTENARY.

On Friday, February 12, 1909, will occur the centenary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln.

This event should be celebrated in our schools on the afternoon of February 12, by joint exercises in which all the classes of a building participate, if such exercises are possible.

A considerable portion of the time allotted to history for the three weeks previous to the centennial date should be devoted to the study of the life, character and influence of Lincoln. Every effort should be made by means of picture collections, quotations from the writings and speeches of Lincoln and tributes to Lincoln by others, to vividly impress the pupils with the influence of Lincoln upon our national life.

In grades one to five, teachers should emphasize stories of his boyhood, manhood, love of study, his honesty, goodness, gentleness and wisdom.

In third and fourth grades, pioneer life in the middle west may be compared with early colonial life in New England and Virginia—clearing land, building log houses, hunting, farming, hardships, home occupations, schools, etc.

Teachers should correlate with the study of the life of Lincoln some consideration of topics given in the Course of Study in History for 5th Grade A on early pioneers, for 6th Grade B on Pierce, Buchanan and Lincoln, and for 8th Grade A.

The Principals of the Normal, High and Manual Training Schools will each make plans for the proper observances of this event, in the study of the life of Lincoln and in the holding of such exercises on his birthday as will be most suitable and impressive.

A brief bibliography which may be helpful in suggesting sources of information and inspiration is given herewith.

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Superintendent of Schools.

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